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Decision No. 20683.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
KLAMATH TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH)
COMPANY,)

a co-partnership, for permission to)
sell its physical property and assets)
to the West Coast Telephone Company)
of California, a California corpora-)
tion.)

Application No. 15032

In the Matter of the Application of)
BUTTE VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY,)
a California corporation, for permis-)
sion to sell its physical property)
and assets to the West Coast Tele-)
phone Company of California, a Cal-)
ifornia corporation.)

Application No. 15033

J. H. Hessig, for Klamath Telephone & Telegraph
Company and Butte Valley Telephone Company;

Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro, by Marshall P. Madison,
for West Coast Telephone Company of California.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

As indicated in the title of the above numbered applica-
tions, the Klamath Telephone & Telegraph Company and Butte Valley
Telephone Company ask permission to sell their physical properties
and assets to the West Coast Telephone Company of California, a
California corporation. The purchaser of the properties has
joined in these applications through its petition filed in applica-
tion No. 15248.

The Butte Valley Telephone Company, a corporation, is
engaged in the business of providing telephone service within the
corporate limits of the Town of Dorris, California, having an ex-

change in Dorris, and furnishing both local and long distance service. The company has about thirty-five telephone subscribers. Its operating revenues for 1927 are reported at \$1,262.13 and for the six months ending June 30, 1928, at \$568.01.

The Klamath Telephone & Telegraph Company, a co-partnership, is engaged in the business of providing telephone service and operating two toll lines, one from Dorris, California, south to Macdoel, Mt. Hebron and across the mountain to Montague, California, and the other from Dorris, California, westerly through Secret Spring, Klamath Hot Springs, Bogus, and terminating at Ager, California. This company furnishes only toll service. Its revenues for 1927 are reported at \$210.37 and for the six months ending June 30, 1928, at \$302.62.

It is of record that applicants on June 20, 1928 contracted to sell all of their physical properties and assets to the West Coast Telephone Company, of Washington, or its nominee, for the sum of \$1,000. The contract for the sale of the properties of applicants was a part of a larger contract made by the owners of applicants for the sale to the West Coast Telephone Company, a Washington corporation, of the physical properties of the Klamath Telephone & Telegraph Company, an Oregon corporation, of the Klamath Telephone & Telegraph Company, of Lake, an Oregon corporation, and not less than two thirds of the authorized and issued capital stock of Dent Telephone Company, an Oregon corporation.

It will be recalled, however, that the properties of the Butte Valley Telephone Company, a corporation, and the Klamath Telephone & Telegraph Company, a co-partnership, will be transferred to the West Coast Telephone Company of California, a California corporation.

Earl W. Murphy, district commercial superintendent of the West Coast Telephone Company of Washington, and who will have supervision over the operations of the properties of West Coast Telephone

Company of California, testified that it was not contemplated that any change would be made in the rates now charged by the Klamath Telephone & Telegraph Company or the Butte Valley Telephone Company.

O R D E R

Klamath Telephone & Telegraph Company, a co-partnership, and Butte Valley Telephone Company, a California corporation, having asked permission to sell their physical properties and assets to the West Coast Telephone Company of California, a public hearing having been held in these matters before Examiner Fankhauser and the Commission being of the opinion that it is in the public interest to authorize the transfer of the properties, and that request of applicants should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:-

1. Klamath Telephone & Telegraph Company, a co-partnership, may, on or before May 1, 1929, sell its physical properties and assets, referred to in Application No. 15032, to the West Coast Telephone Company of California, a corporation.
2. Butte Valley Telephone Company, a California corporation, may, on or before May 1, 1929, sell its physical properties and assets, described in Application No. 15033, to the West Coast Telephone Company of California, a corporation.
3. The consideration being paid for the properties referred to in this order shall not be urged before this Commission as a measure of the value of said properties for any purpose other than the transfer herein authorized.
4. The authority herein granted will become effective upon the date hereof.

5. Within thirty days after acquiring the properties of Klamath Telephone & Telegraph Company and Butte Valley Telephone Company, West Coast Telephone Company of California shall file with the Railroad Commission a copy of the instrument under which it acquires title to the properties, and a general description of the properties acquired.

DATED at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of January, 1929.

David L. Lattin
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Leon C. Whaley
W. J. C.
Commissioners.